

**TOWN OF DUNE ACRES
COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 20, 2006**

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2006 at the Town Hall. John Wilhelm presided over the meeting in the absence of President Lou Roberts due to the death of her mother. John called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm with Councilpersons Benjamin Bolton and John Wilhelm, Clerk-Treasurer Beverly Hubbs, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Sherry King , and Town Attorneys Dan Whitten and Stacey Mindel in attendance. John Wilhelm opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and then extended condolences for Lou's loss.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ben Bolton moved that the minutes for May 17 be approved, John Wilhelm seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF MAY 30, 2006:

Porter Bank - Checking	\$ 99,873.17
Fifth Third - High Int.	
Checking	\$ 55,278.69
Chase Bank - Savings	\$189,192.32
Adjustment	\$ (22.75)
	\$344,321.43

Ben Bolton moved that the financial report be approved as presented, John Wilhelm seconded, and the financial report was approved unanimously.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

There was a discussion of the payroll items on the printed report of accounts payable generated by the new Keystone computing system. In essence payroll amounts show twice in the report but are not paid twice. Ben Bolton moved that the claims in the amount of \$81,176.52 be approved for payment, John Wilhelm seconded and the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A notification of possible receipt of funds from the Governor's Major Moves project on October 15 in the probable amounts of \$1,467 and \$26,625 was discussed.

FIRE:

John Wilhelm reported the good news that, because of the new main and fire hydrants in town, individual homeowner's fire ratings should change from a 9 to a 4 on August 1. This is partially based on the distance from your house to the Porter Fire Station. The distance from the Gatehouse to the Station is 2.8 miles. The distance allowed for this rating is 5 miles from your house to the station, and within 1000 feet of a hydrant. John said that Anton Insurance has been notified and will adjust our rate for all town buildings. He said that the Porter Fire Department exceeds the requirements for this rate in many areas and that all of their trucks have adequate capacity.

MUNICIPAL CODE:

Bill Nixon reported that the project is close to closure and hopes to finish by the end of July but still needs some input from the Plan Commission.

ROADS:

Irv Call reported that the paving is finished and the invoice has been received. He said that a survey is needed before plans are drawn up for the work on Shore Drive. He said he will need about \$3,500 to fix

potholes and broken pavement around town. It was decided to postpone a decision on this project until next month when Lou Roberts will be back in town.

He also reported that he had a bid from Circle R for \$1,350 to put in the reticulation line for the irrigation system at the Clubhouse. This would require drilling through the concrete, which is the most difficult part of the project. The system would provide more consistent sprinkling, would pump some water out of our well (which is good maintenance), and would allow us to add a couple of garden hoses for special watering projects such as the new bushes planted last year. The new pump would run all of these heads at the same time. The money could be paid from the Other Capital Outlay fund. Ben Bolton moved to approve these modifications, John Wilhelm seconded and the motion was approved.

PARK:

Kelly Klein thanked everyone who helped with the Town cleanup. She reported that Bob Hartmann will start tennis lessons on Thursday, June 22. She said that the tennis ball shooter needs repair which will cost under \$100 to be taken from Park Fund. She is looking into building something to hold the trash containers so that animals cannot overturn them. Otherwise she will get 80 pound containers for the Town pickup sites. Kelly also said that the back tennis courts are in bad repair. She has an estimate for \$500 to fill and seal all cracks with a black material that will not hold paint, which would be a temporary fix. It would be very pricey to replace the courts and she is looking for other options. John Wilhelm suggested that she talk with Don Gourley and that the people involved with the Phil Dunne tennis tournament be included in this planning. A new hockey liner is needed and will cost around \$600. Bill Nixon suggested that 5 names be chosen for naming the bear and that he would put them on a plaque which could be displayed at the Independence Day celebrations. Then everyone could vote for their choice.

BUILDING:

John Sullivan said that the Kudrna project is well under way, Kramer demolition is progressing, and Mellen foundation is in.

MAINTENANCE:

Mike Konapacki said that the builder for Kramer's has been dropping the dumpster on the road and has destroyed the center of the road by Tonner's house. He will take a picture and date it. The Plan Commission will be reimbursed by the builder for the cost of repair.

POLICE:

Cecilia Call said that an out-of-town minivan damaged the flower bed at the Gatehouse. She gave the license number, driver's name, and insurance information to Dan Whitten, Town Attorney. He said she should file a police report and get an estimate for the repair. Cecilia said that she will have two security persons on duty on July 1 for the celebrations. They will be in the parade and at the fireworks as well.

ENVIRONMENT:

Cheryl Evans reminded everyone of the Garden Walk on June 25. She has had many calls about the disappointing tree trimming by NIPSCO. There was a discussion of writing up some standards which would be distributed to anyone doing trimming or tree cutting for the Town. Kelly is going to ask the horticulturist from NIPSCO to come and look at the disastrous cut and discuss what can be done.

WATER:

Ben Bolton reported that American Water has fixed the paving as promised but some of the grading is substandard. He also reported that collections to pay for the fireworks are coming in very well.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sherry King, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer said that the bill for purchasing additional buoys has come and that she needs the \$500 donation that was pledged to this project. She will contact Howard Silverman who is Treasurer of the DACIF.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Wilhelm read the Vacation Pay Ordinance 2006-1 which authorizes payment on June 30. Ben Bolton moved that the ordinance be approved, John Wilhelm seconded and the motion passed.

John Wilhelm thanked the editor of the *Beachcomber* for another wonderful issue and the committee for the Cocktail Party for another great event. He also urged residents to buy or the sell the Porter Fire Department raffle tickets they receive in order to support the purchase of new bunker kits for the firemen. He encouraged residents to respond to the Web Master Survey on the Dune Acres web site.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.